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Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

- (1) Jean Janvier. (3) Deidre Davis (for the Applicant).
 (2) Nick C. Lockett. (4) ____.

Date of Interview: ____.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
 c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☐ No.
 If Yes, brief description: ____.

Claim(s) discussed: ____.

Identification of prior art discussed: ____.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

JEAN D. JANVIER
PRIMARY EXAMINER

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant argued in general that the prior art does not teach all the limitations of at least claims 1 and 6 and the "Official Notice", used to compensate for the deficiencies in the prior art, does not address the missing elements and the Applicant requires that the Examiner provide a reference in support of the "Official Notice". In reply, the Examiner asserts that the claims, as presented, were broadly interpreted and that the "Official Notice" does in fact compensate for the deficiencies noted in the prior art as featured in the Office Action. Further, the "Official Notice" does disclose materials well known in the art and these materials or systems are easily identifiable (subject to easy demonstration). To this end, no document will be provided to support that AOL, still in business, has been using the system described in the "Official Notice". In the end, Applicant agrees to amend the claims as suggested by the Examiner to focus more on "providing a credit to a product user and to a distributor, who distributes the product to the user, based on the use of the product by the user".